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	Examiner Alford W. Kindred	Art Unit 2172

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Pri d f r Rply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Pri rity under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: application, filed on 01/17/01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cane et al, US# 2001/0034737 A1.

As per claim 1, Cane et al. teaches “a plural saving designating unit . . . saving destinations in a single original file should be saved” (see page 2, paragraphs [0031]-[0033]) “a file saving unit separately saving and managing the single original file and copies of the single original file . . .” (see page 2, paragraphs [0029] and [0031]).

As per claims 2-3, Cane et al. teaches “designates a plurality of saving destinations” (see pages 3-4, paragraph [0041]-[0042]).

As per claim 4, Cane et al. teaches “designation of a term for which said file has been prepared” (see page 3, paragraph [0034]).

As per claims 5-6, Cane et al. teaches "designation of a size of said file . . ." (see page 6, paragraph [0061], whereas Cane's server is equivalent to applicant's "implementor").

As per claim 7, Cane et al. teaches "at least one file unconditionally" (see page 2, paragraph [0029]).

As per claim 8, Cane et al. teaches "a link information storing unit . . ." (see fig. 1—sheet 1 of 12, whereas Cane's "second memory device", "first memory device", etc. are equivalent to applicant's use of the phrase "link information storing unit").

As per claim 9, this claim is rejected on ground corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected including the following:

--Cane et al. teaches "saving multiple copies of the file at the plurality of saving destinations thus designated" (see page 2, paragraph [0030]-[0031], whereas Cane's mirroring system is equivalent to applicant's multiple copies element and therefore the teachings are synonymous).

As per claim 10, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1 and 9 and are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hall et al., US# 6,442,571 B1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 703-305-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KIm Vu can be reached on (703) 305-4393. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9000.



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